

Coutts // RCMP Request - Foreign Towing Service

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The RCMP have advised that due to the state of negotiations with the protest organizers that they are likely to advance their plan to remove trucks from the highway through the use of tow trucks. The RCMP have further advised that Canadian tow operators are refusing to provide the service due to threats on social media by the protestors. The RCMP have asked if the CBSA would consider allowing US tow truck operators to enter Canada to support the RCMP.

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Under IRPA there are work permit exemption provision for emergency services as follows:

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IRPA R186(t) may be applicable..... R186(t)\~as a provider of emergency services, including medical services, for the protection or preservation of life or property;

The intent of R186(t) is to facilitate the admission of persons who come to Canada for the purpose of rendering services in times of emergency. These services should be aimed at preserving life and property. The emergency may be the result of natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, and fires. It may also be the result of industrial or commercial accidents threatening the environment or it may simply be a medical emergency where admission should be facilitated to preserve life regardless of whether it involves one or more persons.

We would caution RCMP that applying this exemption would be challenging – there is no imminent threat to loss of life or property – further, the US based operators should be fully vaccinated as this is the issue the protest is focused on.

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Lisa is seeking our input on advancing this request.

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